Setting up of Science and Technology entrepreneurship park

400. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: W:;ll the PRIME MINISTER be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether some foreign Govern ment has offered financial assistance to set up Science and Technology entrepreneurship park, in the country;

(b) if so. the details thereof;

(c) what would be the special features of this park;

(d) whether Government propose to set up such parks in U.P. and other States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Even though Government do not directly set up such parks, Societies have been registered for 12 Science and Technology Entre preneurs Parks (STEPs) in different parts of the country with funding from the Government of India and Ail India financial Institutions 2 such STEPs have been registered in Uttar Pradesh, one at Harcourt Butler Technological Institute. Kanpur and the other at the University of Roorkee, Roorkee. STEPs are mainly devoted to bringing about University-Industry interaction on the one hand and promotion of young entrepreneurs from among Science and Technology persons on the other.

Recommendations of the Gujaral Committee on Urdu

401. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed Gujaral Committee for the promotion of Urdu in the country;

(b) if so, when the said committee was appointed, the details of its members and terms of reference;

(c) whether the said committee has made any recommendations;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether these recommendations have since been implemented in some States and Union Territories;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof. State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(g) what steps Government propose to take to implement the remaining recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Government of India appointed the Committee for Promotion of Urdu under the Chairmanship of Shri I. K. Gujral the then Minister of State, Ministry of Works & Housing and comprising of other members vide Government of India Resolution dated 5th May, 1972. The details of its members are given in enclosed Statement. (See below).

The terms of reference of this Committee were to advise the Government on the measures to be adopted for the promotion of Urdu language and the steps required to be taken to provide adequate facilities for Urdu-speaking people in educational, cultural and administrative matters.

(c) and (d) The Committee had submitted its report to the Government in May, 1975. The summary of its recommendations is at Annexure. (See Appendix CL.IV, Annexure No. 27.)

(e) to (g) The present status of implementation of recommendations of the Gujaral Committee is being. inter alia, examined by a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Shri Ali Sardar Jafri set up by the Government vide its resolution dated 151 h February, 1990.